

with \$15.00. She has stood by us nobly in the past and we believe she will continue to do so as long as we need help. Full report will be made thru Brother Cassel later but we felt so grateful to our dear brethren and sisters in this time of pressing need that we felt to give this expression of gratitude. We will take this as an earnest, and pray God to open their hearts soon so that we can soon say, "It is enough."

I had expected to write some concerning the "centennial" which occurred here on 12th inst, but I find that my time is gone and space occupied for this time. Pray for us.

W. M. LYON.

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Financial Report of Pa. Home Mission Board

I have concluded to give Monthly reports, to see how we like them and possibly inspire to more effectual work. The record is as follows:

Amount reported for Oct.	\$7 09
Nov. 21st. Glade Run per D. J. Bole,	50
Nov. 23rd. " " collections	7 58

Total to Dec. 1st. 1900,	\$14 17
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How does it look Brethren? What is the Lord's estimate of the record? What will it be for December? What do you expect at the present rate for the years work? and the consideration of the question at our late convention? Your own (our own) will tell.

R. Z. REPLOGLE, Sec.

Chicago Mission

We have first to thank the Lord for his goodness in many ways. We were laid up with LaGrippe for nearly two weeks, but am now in the work again. We feel also to thank the friends who have remembered us with good things from the following places. Brother E. G. Bickley of Waterloo, for a nice turkey for Thanksgiving, but the writer was not permitted to partake of it owing to his illness, but the family enjoyed it very much. Brother and Sister Miller of Milledgeville for the chickens and butter which were very nice. A box of acceptable edibles, and clothing from Waterloo, Ia., and one from the church at Brighton, Ind. May the Lord bless all the donors. We have used all that was sent with our best judgment, and several have been helped, who are worthy, and in need. All the clothing that has been sent us, is now out, and helping to keep the needy warm, and we can use more advantageously, especially clothing for children. During my sickness, brethren McColostor, Shipley, Barth, Ellis, and others, worked faithfully, and kept all the services going, in an interesting and profitable way.

CHRISTMAS

All our thoughts are now turned to Christmas, in endeavor to interest the children, and impress on their plastic minds the greatest day in the world's calendar. The civilized world just now has in mind this day that celebrates the incoming of a new hope, the beginning of a new creation. Tis well; for we

ought to sing the new song. The song that was loaned us from the heavenly choir; the first in which angels voices was heard by human ears. Five times heaven sent her messengers to mingle their voices with earth, in testimony of the graces mercy and goodness of God. At the birth of the Lord, on the mount of Transfiguration, in the garden of Gethsemane, at the tomb, and at the ascension in Galilee. Other times the voice was heard. But those five times are very impressive to us. The first was a song such as never before was heard by human ears. The second was the meeting of the Law, the prophet, and the Gospel; God's method of civilizing, enlightening, and saving the world. The third was comfort born by angels to strengthen the heart of the Lord who bore our sins, in His great anguish in the garden. The fourth was the angelic witnesses at the empty tomb. The fifth, was the "men in white" on the mountain in Galilee, who said "ye men of Galilee why stand ye gazing up into heaven, this same Jesus whom ye see ascend into heaven shall so come in like manner, as ye see him go into heaven." Glorious hope of Christianity; cradled in a manger; in communion with God (on the mountain) touching the destiny of the world. Mingled tears, prayers, and drops of blood, in the garden; victorious over the tomb; glorious as it penetrates the cloud-shrouded earth, and by faith wends its way to the throne of God, from whence will come our Lord again to claim his own. Brethren we have still the manger of poverty, the mountain of glory, and also the garden of tears and fears; the tomb which was robbed of its terror, and praise the Lord the ascension. But let us keep near the manger, if we would ascend the mountain in communion with Saints who have gone before. It was to the manger the wise men came. It was to it, that heaven pointed the stary finger when announcing the dawn of Grace. It was at that moment that the angels sang that song of songs, about Him who should preach the gospel to the poor, and healing and salvation to the unfortunate of the earth. Christmas—a gift. God gave. The shepherds gave. The wise men gave. It is the celebration of the giving. Let us not expect to receive. But let us give. Christianity from that hour to this, has ever been giving, giving. His followers gave their lives, labors, and all for the Kingdom's sake. Missionaries in all the centuries have been giving. The more they gave, the more they received, so that the most pronounced Christian nations in the world, are also the richest, and have the best homes, and most comforts. Tis the testimony of the wisdom of God. Three precious words. Gospel, grace and gift.

My thoughts go out to night into this great city. Millions of dollars in the stores, of Christmas goods. Merchants vieing with each other for the trade. Printing presses running day and night, advertising Christmas wares. Has the world made merchandise of the gift of God? Even churches

striving to out-do each other for patronage for their entertainments. It will not be so in our little mission; there all will be free, and all treated alike, and all welcome. There the word of God will be briefly explained, with songs of praise, and prayers, and offerings to spread the gospel; with songs by children's voices and testimonies from those who have known the power of sin, and now know the power of the Lord to save. Let there be offerings in all churches, to enable us to preach this gospel of peace to all the world. A merry and blessed Christmas to all who love our Lord Jesus.

J. O. TALLEY.

940 W. VanBuren St.

November Report of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church

CHICAGO FUND

Brethren Church, Milledgeville, Ill.,	\$10 00
Mrs. H. J. Frantz, Wellington, Kan.,	5 00
C. M. Harvey, Chicago,	5 00
Brethren Church, Mexico, Ind.,	2 00
Offerings, Chicago Mission,	6 53
S. S. C. E. Milledgeville,	7 50
Bro. McCarty, Waterloo, Iowa,	5 00
A Friend, Chicago,	2 00
Brethren Church, Auburn, Ill.,	10 15
Offerings, Chicago Missions,	2 80
Cora Snyder, Waterloo, Iowa,	10 00
Friends, Waterloo, Iowa, per J. L. Gillin,	4 25
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WASHINGTON FUND

A. B., Altona, Pa.,	\$1 00
A Sister, Louisville, Ohio,	1 00
Jas. A. Halm, Wheatfield, Va.,	1 20
A Sister, Meadow Mills, Va.,	80
Mrs. E. Nininger, per Bethany church, Va.,	4 75
Offerings, Washington City church,	29 03
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GENERAL FUND

Will and Ida Meyers, Nevada, Mo.,	\$3 00
Mary K Fair, Hardy, Neb.,	1 00
A Sister, Columbus, O.,	35
National S. S. C. E.,	10 00
Alma Hardman, South Bend, Ind.,	5 00
Kings Children, Eaon church, Iowa,	3 30
Hattie Kanauer, Pioneer, Ohio,	3 00
H. V. Williams, Lansdale, Pa.,	50
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	37 78
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Total receipts for the month,	\$134 16
Receipts previously reported,	419 30

Total receipts to Dec. 1st,	\$553 46
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EXPENDITURES

Cash paid to W. M. Lyon, direct,	\$30 27
" " J. O. Talley, "	55 98
" " J. O. Talley, advanced by Sec.,	50 00
" " W. M. Lyon, direct,	37 78
	<hr/> \$174 93

Payments previously reported,	369 67
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\$543 70

Balance in treasury, \$9 76	
On August 1st, 1900, there was a balance due to elder J. O. Talley of,	\$193 26
His allowance since at \$100 00, amounts to,	400 00

Total, \$593 26

Up to Dec. 1st, only \$257 17 has been paid to him. There is therefore a balance due amounting to \$337 09.

No one that has not lived in a large city can at all